

ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of the Ashbourne Rural District Council

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the health, sanitary circumstances, vital statistics and various activities of the Health Department of your District for the year 1939.

As instructed by the Minister of Health in Circular 2067 the report has been greatly curtailed and must only be considered as an Interim Report. It only deals with essential and urgent matters which have affected the Public Health during the year.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area 86,188 acres.

Population:- Estimated by the Registrar General (mid year) 1939 - 11,000.

Estimated number of inhabited houses according to the rate books - 3065

Rateable value:- £39274.

Product of Penny Rate. £170.

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

Births - Live Births.	Total	Male	Female	Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population.
Legitimate	155	73	82	
Illegitimate	12	7	5	
	<u>167</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>87.</u>	15.18.

Still Births.

Legitimate	5	3	2	
Illegitimate	-	-	-	
	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	.36

Death rate per 100.
10.16. of the
(estimated resident population.

Deaths. 114 60 54

Natural increase of population (excess of births over deaths) 53.

Number of persons dying in, or in consequence of childbirth:-

from Puerperal Sepsis 0
from other Puerperal causes 0

Infant Mortality:-

Death of infants under one year of age:-

	Total	Male	Female	Infant Mortality Rates Deaths of Infants under one year per 1,000 births:-
Legitimate	4	2	2	23.95
Illegitimate	0	0	0	nil
	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	23.95

Deaths from certain selected causes :-

	Total	Male	Female.
Cancer (all ages)	16	7	9
Measles do.	0	0	0
Whooping Cough.(all ages)	0	0	0
Dairrhoea (under 2 years of age)	0	0	0

There has been an epidemic of Scarlet Fever in the District during the year.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

There have been no new developments or changes in the following services during the year - Laboratory facilities, Ambulance facilities, Nursing in the Home, Treatment centres and Clinics and Hospitals.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply.

Good progress has been made with the District Water Scheme which will provide eight Parishes with an abundant supply of soft water. Owing to the War certain delays have occurred but most of the main laying has now been completed.

Further consideration of the scheme to supply the village of Thorpe has been postponed until the end of the War.

Sewerage.

No new Works of Drainage or sewerage have been carried out during the year.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

The War has greatly interfered with the routine sanitary inspection of the area, owing to your Officers being employed on the preparation for and carrying out of the Government Evacuation Scheme.

All nuisances brought to the notice of the Council have been dealt with, and for the purpose 532 inspections have been made.

Housing.

The Council have not been able to proceed with the Housing programme.

Housing - continued.

During the year plans for 13 new houses were approved.

Evacuation.

In collaboration with the local Billeting Officers a survey of the Housing accommodation in the District was carried out, and all the information recorded in preparation for the Evacuation Scheme.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Meat and Other Foods.

Regular and systematic inspection of all slaughter-houses, butchers' shops and bake-houses have been made.

One prosecution was made and conviction obtained against a butcher under Section 9 of the Food and Drugs Act 1938, for removing a diseased carcase into another district, for the purpose of sale.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The Council supplies antidiphtheric serum, free of charge, to necessitous cases, but have decided not to proceed with a general scheme of immunization against diphtheria.

The particulars of the incidence of notifiable diseases (other than tuberculosis) in the area during the year are set out in the following tables:-

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total cases notified.</u>	<u>Cases admitted to hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Smallpox	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	28	27	0
Diphtheria	10	10	1
Enteric fever (including paratyphoid)	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	0	0
Pneumonia	12	0	3
Erysipelas	8	0	0
Acute poliomyelitis	0	0	0
Measles	24	0	0
Whooping Cough	1	0	0

43 premises have been disinfected by Formaldehyde.

TUBERCULOSIS.

It has not been necessary to take any action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulation 1925, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act 1936.

New Cases and Mortality 1939.

<u>New Cases.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
<u>Respiratory.</u>	<u>Non-Respiratory.</u>
1 female aged 23 years.	1 male aged 13 years.
1 male aged 48 years.	one female aged 34 years died
1 female aged 65 year.	from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

I have the honou

Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

H.H. HOLLICK.

Medical Officer of Health.

5th December, 1940.